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Date: 11/12/2018  
Your Ref:  
Our Ref: 3116

Dear [REDACTED]

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRISON MENTAL HEALTH NURSES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to prison mental health nurses within NHS Lothian.

I have been provided with information to help answer your request by the Royal Edinburgh and Associated Services.

### Question:

- I am writing to get information on how many mental health nursing staff you provide in Scottish prisons in your NHS Board area, this case at Addiewell and Edinburgh prisons.

For each of the institutions I am looking for the following information for the last five years:

- o how many mental health nursing staff are available 9am-6pm.
- o how many mental health nursing staff are available 6pm-9am
- o how many mental health nursing staff are available on Saturday and Sunday

### Answer:

	Addiewell	HMP Edinburgh
How many mental health nursing staff are available 9am-6pm?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MHNS work 4 out of 5 weekdays with the shifts below, we plan for 2 MHNS on every day.</li> <li>7am-5pm</li> <li>7am-3pm</li> <li>7:30-5:30pm</li> <li>8am-4pm</li> <li>No nightshift work</li> <li>Not work Saturday or Sunday shifts .</li> </ul>	WTE 5 on average 2 per day
How many mental health nursing staff are available 6pm-9am?		Nil
How many mental health nursing staff are available on Saturday and Sunday?		Nil.

### Question:

- For each year could you please specific if any mental health nursing staff have on long-term sick leave and for how long?

### Answer:

Year	Sick Leave (both sites)
2014	≤5
2015	≤5
2016	≤5

2017	≤5
2018	≤5
Total	9
Due to the small numbers involved and the risk of identification we cannot provide detail in relation to the length of absence. However this is between 2 and 3 months in duration.	

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the General Data Protection Regulation (2016).

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at:

<http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/YourRights/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

